AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-14. **(Cancelled)**

15. **(Currently Amended)** A method for improving the ~~body taste~~KOKUMI of food comprising adding to a food a decomposed substance of a vegetable fat and oil composition, said composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of a vegetable fat and oil and 1% by weight or more of an n-6 long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid having 18 or more carbon atoms and 3 or more double bonds, ~~and~~/or an ester thereof, wherein said decomposed substance is obtained by oxidation of said composition via heating.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A method for improving the ~~body taste~~KOKUMI of food comprising adding an extract of a decomposed substance of a vegetable fat and oil composition, said composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of a vegetable fat and oil and 1% by weight or more of an n-6 long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid having 18 or more carbon atoms and 3 or more double bonds, ~~and~~/or an ester thereof, wherein said decomposed ~~stubstsance~~ substance is obtained by oxidation of said composition via heating.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 15 or 16, wherein the n-6 long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid is arachidonic acid or γ-linolenic acid.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A method for improving the ~~body taste~~KOKUMI of food comprising adding to a food a decomposed substance of a vegetable fat and oil composition, said composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of a vegetable fat and oil having one or more aldehydes, ketones, or alcohols and 1% by weight or more of an n-6 long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid having 18 or more carbon atoms and 3 or more double bonds, ~~and~~/or an ester thereof, wherein said decomposed substance is obtained by oxidation of said composition via heating.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 18, wherein said aldehydes are selected from the group consisting of pentanal, hexanal, 2-heptenal, 2-octenal, 2-nonenal, 4-nonenal, 2,4-nonadenal, 2,4-decadienal, 2,5-undecadienal, 2,4,7-decatrienal, and 2,4,7-tridecatrienal.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 18, wherein said ketones are selected from the group consisting of 2-heptanone, 3-octanone, 2-octanone, 3-octen-2-one, 2,3-octanedione, and 4-nonanone.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 18, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 1-octen-3-ol, 2-methyle-3-octanol, and 1,2-heptanediol.